

Ban on gay rights laws approved

Battle in court seems inevitable

By **Angela Dire**/Gazette Telegraph

Colorado voters stunned gays and lesbians Tuesday by solidly favoring a constitutional ban on laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination.

With more than 86 percent of the votes counted, Amendment 2 was headed for victory Tuesday, all but assuring a constitutional challenge from its opponents.

The highly contentious measure championed by Colorado for Family Values had been trailing by double digits in the polls during the entire campaign. But in the end, Colorado voters favored it by about 53 percent. And it prevailed in El Paso County by a 2 to 1 margin.



Amendment 2:
Prohibition of
local/state gay
rights laws

Truman."

Members of the Equal Protection Campaign, which spent almost \$750,000 to defeat the measure, solemnly conceded defeat in what they had expected would be a tight race. "We have written into our constitution a denial of basic rights for certain people," said EPOC spokeswoman Bobbie McCallum. She said Coloradans would wake up tomorrow "rather stunned" at what they'd done.

Scores of opponents stormed onto the stage in

Supporters, gathered in a showroom at Perkins Chrysler Plymouth in Colorado Springs, cheered as the numbers came across a TV screen.

But Colorado for Family Values spokesman Will Perkins was cautious about the optimism. "Our excitement is increasing," he said when Denver TV stations declared the amendment a winner. But, he added, "We don't want to pull a

the Democratic headquarters chanting "No on 2!" Then state Rep. Ruth Wright of Boulder took the microphone.

"We will take it to the Supreme Court and find it unconstitutional," she said tearfully. "I don't want to live in a state or represent a state in the Legislature that has hate as its motto. We will prevail."

In Colorado Springs, local gays and lesbians gathered at Poor Richard's and tried to remain upbeat. "We got Oregon," said one woman. "We got Oregon."

In Oregon, a ballot measure that officially would discourage homosexuality as abnormal behavior appeared headed for a solid defeat.

But Colorado's less stringent Amendment 2 will deny homosexuals any legal claim to discrimination. It will roll back provisions in the anti-discrimination laws of Denver, Boulder and Aspen that protect gays from unequal treatment in em-

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center and motor vehicle
office against county bud-
get cuts.

She also claimed credit for winning the valley a new health clinic and for the ongoing development of Fountain Creek Regional Park.

Huddy, a former television news anchor and now a stockbroker, said he knew he would need bipartisan support to win.

commissioner's race.

aimed at his outspokenness about county matters.

Vayhinger is a former field engineer and has served on the Teller County Planning Commission.

In the Teller District 3 race, Republican Cal Elder was winning with 61 percent of the vote over Anna Lee McGee, an unaffiliated candidate.

Elder is an insurance agent and former chairman of the Teller County Republican Central Committee.

The plan also failed, he said, because it was so broadly and poorly written. "Voters rejected it because they could see that there were so many potential flaws and unanswered questions," he said.

Proponents said a voucher plan is likely to appear on future ballots but it is too soon to decide whether it will be narrower in scope.

Some voters had said they could support a voucher plan if it did not include religious or

Hefley cruises to an easy victory in 5th District race

McInnis defeats Callihan

By **D'Arcy Fallon**/Gazette Telegraph

Three-term incumbent Rep. Joel Hefley trampled his two opponents Tuesday night, effortlessly winning a fourth term as representative of the 5th Congressional

Mary Kelley/Gazette Telegraph



Library plan defeated by

School District 12 measure approved

By **Rick Ansorge**
Gazette Telegraph

Madonna's new book "Sex" — the controversy it generated when Pikes Peak Library District tried to order it — are being blamed for

Amendment 2/Constitutional challenge likely

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ployment, housing and public accommodations. The vote brings to a close one of the more emotional campaign battles of the year.

Colorado for Family Values waged a sensational character attack on gays. Its television commercials, with nudity and simulated sex scenes from a San Francisco gay pride parade, were so controversial Denver stations refused to run them.

But CFV leaders resisted being typecast as an offshoot of the religious right. They portrayed themselves as defenders of civil rights and disadvantaged minorities. They played up support from two former Colorado Civil Rights Commission chairmen. And they hammered

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away with the message that gays did not want equal rights but "special rights."

Perkins said the vote proved that the ideas behind Amendment 2 have mainstream support. "It cut across partisan lines," he said.

Opponents of Amendment 2 conceded the "special rights" message, although untrue, was a powerful appeal to voters.

"The biggest part of the problem was that it was worded in such a way that they hid the discrimination clause," said EPOC's McCallum, "and that enabled them to claim it was about special rights."

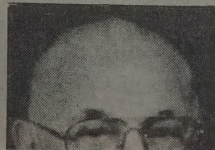
EPOC framed Amendment 2 as an attack on civil liberties and the rights of the three cities to protect gays. But their battle is far from over.

Already, McCallum said, a group of attorneys is poised to challenge it on constitutional grounds because they believe it denies gays the right to petition their government for protection.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 311 N. Logan St., Colorado Springs 80909; or to Silver Key Senior Services, 2250 Bott Ave., Colorado Springs 80904.

JAMES A. GORITY JR., 75, of Colorado Springs died Nov. 2, 1992. He was a foreman for Commercial Intertech of Youngstown, Ohio, before retiring.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at Swan-Law Funeral Home, 501 N. Cascade Ave. A graveside service will be held at 11:15 a.m. Thursday at Evergreen Cemetery, 1001 S. Hancock Ave., with the Rev. Ross Price officiating. Swan-Law is handling arrangements.

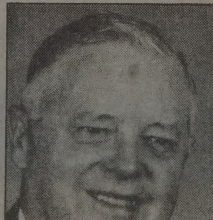


GEORGE ROBERT SCHROEDER, 81, of Colorado Springs died Nov. 1, 1992. He was in the Army and also had worked for MITRE Corp. before retiring.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today at Ascension Lutheran Church, 2505 N. Circle Drive. Nolan Funeral Home, 225 N. Weber St., is handling arrangements.

Mr. Schroeder was born Aug. 9, 1911, in St. Paul, Minn., to Oscar H. and IE Woodworth Schroeder.

He was in the Army during World War II and Korea and was stationed at NORAD from 1959 to 1964. He attained the rank



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